



Jesse presents seven of his sons, God informs Samuel that none of these is the one. Samuel then asks if there is another.

The youngest, the one tending sheep, is the one God has in mind.

Upon arriving David is anointed king, however, he is not made king.

God will put David through a fourteen year period of ups and down to prepare him to become king.



Consider for a moment how God in his story ties the line of the throne to the coming king.

Saul, because of his disobedience we are told the Lord departed from him and a harmful spirit tormented him.


Saul and David's first encounter is because of the harmful spirit. His servants tell him that when he is tormented, that he should have a young man play the lyre. The one chosen is the son of Jesse, David, a skilled lyre player.



David's encounter with Goliath shows how God weaves the human story with the divine story.

This happens over a period of forty days. The Philistines seem to ridicule the Israelites by taunting them with Goliath.

When David comes to check on his brothers, he is offended by this taunting and steps forward to go against the Philistine Goliath.




With a sling and a stone David overcomes Goliath.

The stone did not kill Goliath, it knocked him unconscious. The Hebrew word in 17:51 implies a sense of finishing him off.

Interestingly, he uses Goliath own sword to slay him and cut off his head.

With the death of Goliath, the Philistines turn and run, many of them would be slain in their retreat.




Having slain Goliath, David finds favor with Saul for a short period.

However, the fame of David grows greater than that of Saul, which causes him to become jealous.

One cannot look upon this account, without considering the tremendous friendship that takes place between Jonathan and David.


It is a beautiful story of friendship. Jonathan will put friendship over family, when he assists David.



This is a great story of how God intervenes in the human story in a powerful way.

Saul even uses marriage as a part of his desire to hurt David. Saul offers him one of his daughters if he would go into battle against the Philistines. Saul was sure if he went into battle he would die.

Instead God uses the scheme in an interesting twist. Rather than one hundred skins, he brings him two hundred.




Saul realizing that his daughter Michal loved David, Saul was even more afraid.

Saul pursues David, in order to kill him, time and again the plot is foiled.

Jonathan puts friendship with David before family. He warns David.

David has his moment to avenge Saul when they are in the cave, even his soldiers can't believe the response of David.




Rather than kill, he cuts off a piece of robe, then uses it to demonstrate to Saul how God is working through all of this.

Page 154 you have a Psalm of David. Psalm 22 recorded.

It is a powerful psalm for us to consider when things don't seem to be what we would like them to be.

Even though an agreement is worked out between David and Saul, we see that Saul is unpredictable.




In 1 Samuel we see more instances of Saul trying to kill David, the hand of God leads David through all of this.

Saul knowing that he will be killed, does not want to die at their hands, so he takes matters into his own hands. Here we see the self centered Saul.

David would lament the death of his friend Jonathan, but would also lament the death of Saul.


In 2 Samuel 2 we see that David is finally anointed king of Israel.



Abner, the commander of Saul's army, does not want to recognize David and so they appoint their own king, Ish-bosheth and made him king over the northern part of the kingdom.

David would eventually defeat them and rule over both.

David also moves the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, where he now wants to establish it as the center of Israel.



The marriage to Michal takes a twist, when she sees him parading the return of the Ark.

She is angered by his behavior. His answer is that he will celebrate before the Lord who made him king, he even taunts her, saying he will become more undignified and humiliated, which he will.



In 2 Samuel 7 we see the Covenant that God makes with David.

This is a covenant of Divine Commitment. Just like the one with Abraham, God spells out the conditions of what He will do for David.

The lineage of David will be established and his kingdom will not end.

God is speaking in terms that the line of David will deliver to us the King of kings. That King would be Jesus.



"I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever." 2 Samuel 7:12-14

"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." 2 Samuel 7:16



David acknowledges with gratitude the blessings of God. Now may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, o Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever." 2 Samuel 7:29